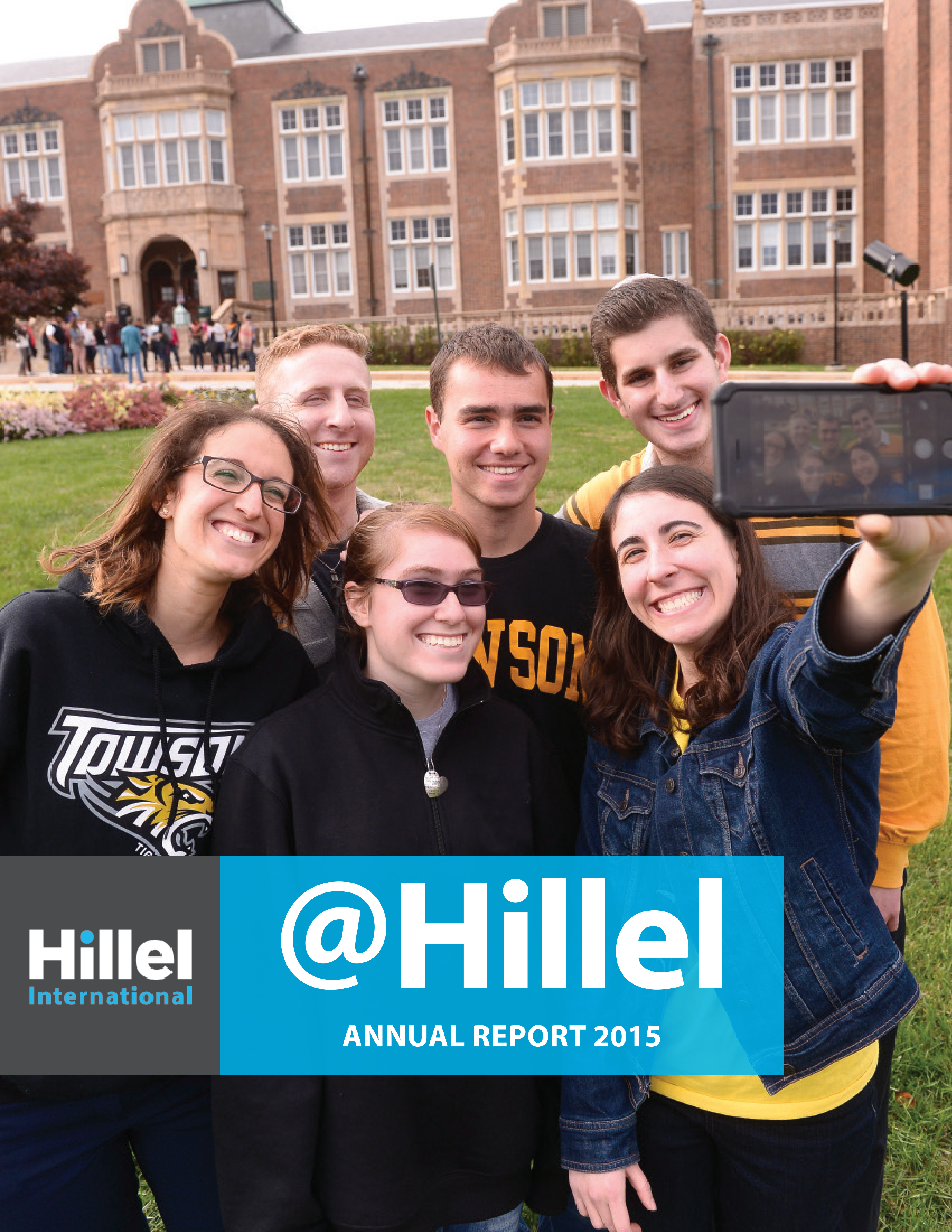


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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Dear Friends,

Our work at Hillel has never been more vital. Our vision is clear — we envision a world in which every Jewish student is inspired to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning and Israel.

This past year, we took our first strong steps toward our *Drive to Excellence,* a five-year plan to ensure that every Hillel has the capacity to make this vision a reality. We know the essential ingredients of a successful Hillel — they're right there on the next page — and in the pages that follow, you will see the progress we have made at more than 550 Hillels across the country and around the world.

The reason we do this work is simple: we know that with strong Jewish experiences in college, students are more likely to identify as Jewish; observe Jewish holidays and practices; feel connected to Israel and the Jewish people; have Jewish friends and partners and see the importance of raising Jewish children. Hillel engages with young Jews at a pivotal crossroads in their lives, and is helping to incorporate Jewish values into their college experiences.

At Hillel, we are measuring our impact. We know that every engagement with Hillel makes a difference, and the more that students engage with Hillel, the more likely they are to have a Jewish social network, build a relationship with Israel and see themselves as part of the Jewish people. This report highlights how Hillel, with your generous contributions, is able to make lasting connections with Jewish students. Our educational fellowships foster meaningful Jewish learning, both on campus and off. Our engagement programs connect Jewish students to one another, and help them address the social and community issues they care about. And our international programs ensure that Jews everywhere understand they are part of a larger family.

This past year has given us much to celebrate, from a $16 million investment from the Jim Joseph Foundation to new Hillel buildings and affiliates around the world. We were so pleased to recognize David and Cindy Shapira at our Renaissance Gala this past May, along with outgoing University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala and former Michigan Hillel Executive Director Michael Brooks.

Thank you for what you do to help Hillel achieve its mission. As we reflect on the past year, all of us in the global Hillel movement extend our gratitude for supporting our work.

Though there is a lot of work to do, we are proud of what we have accomplished this year. Our hope is when you read this report, you will be proud of how your support for Hillel has helped build the future of the Jewish people.

Eric D. Fingerhut
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Excellence @Hillel



Talented Professionals



Jewish Educational Vision and Plan



Israel Education and Engagement



Student Engagement and Leadership



Operational Excellence



MIMI KRAVETZ

Chief Talent Officer, Hillel International

Mimi Kravetz joined Hillel International this summer as its first chief talent officer. Kravetz came from Google, where she served as a human resources marketing executive focused on bringing top talent to the company. In her new role, Kravetz brings her experience with Google's innovative People Operations team to Hillel as she oversees Hillel's objective to become a "best place to work."

Talented Professionals



"We strive to create big question thinkers, caring leaders and creative innovators. These students will one day be the leaders in industry and academia, and we get to influence their Jewish identities and growth. What an honor!"

— Rabbi Michelle Fisher,
Executive Director,
MIT Hillel

Talent is the first priority in Hillel's *Drive to Excellence* Strategic Plan by design. We are influencing lives. The only way to do that is to recuit and develop individuals on campus who are excellent at engaging and educating students, getting them excited about Jewish life and building community.

Our talent plan is a three-pronged strategy:

- **Recruiting:** Attracting talented, passionate professionals;
- **Culture**: Building a Hillel that is a great place to work;
- **Talent growth:** Providing the right opportunities for professionals to build strong careers.

Hillel International joined Moishe House and BBYO to form the Talent Alliance, in partnership with The Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation. This unique collaboration will collectively attract and retain talented employees, and help keep talented people in the broader Jewish sector.

Hillel also passed a new Family Leave Policy this year, which meets the standards of the Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community's Better Work, Better Life Campaign. Hillel International President & CEO Eric D. Fingerhut was a keynote speaker at AWP's conference in October, highlighting Hillel's commitment to providing benefits that reflect our values of family and community.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW PROFESSIONALS



As an undergrad at UC Berkeley, David experienced firsthand the potential of Jewish community to transform lives. It was through his involvement with Hillel that David chose to pursue the rabbinate and give back to the community that had given him so much. After rabbinical school, David became the founding rabbi of Makom, a young spiritual community in Dallas that met millennials on their terms and engaged thousands of young adults in Jewish life, practice and learning.

David returned to his Hillel roots this year and began a new role as the Director of UC San Diego Hillel. At UCSD, David and his team of professionals are dedicated to developing innovative approaches to outreach, engagement and community building among young Jews.

When Sasha first went to Hillel as an undergrad, people asked her if she was visiting a friend or interested in converting. They made assumptions based on the color of her skin. Sasha understandably didn't go back until a new Hillel professional reached out to her and welcomed her into the community.

After getting her master's in human relations, Sasha said "it clicked" for her that she could combine her love for working with people and her love for Judaism by working at Hillel. Now she's an Engagement Associate at San Francisco Hillel.





Before arriving at college, Kerry knew "close to nothing" about Judaism. Well, not entirely nothing. Hebrew school had made her an expert on baseball great Sandy Koufax. Craving more depth, she asked her parents' rabbi to give her a crash course in Judaism the summer before her freshman year at Washington University in St. Louis. She never stopped learning.

At St. Louis Hillel, she plunged into the "diverse and living ecosystem of Jewish living and learning" she found there, eventually leading her to rabbinical school. After a rabbinic internship at Hillel at UCLA, she feels honored to begin her rabbinic career as a facilitator for personal development and Jewish meaning-making at Vassar College.

JAKE CAMPBELL

Jewish Student Life Coordinator and Ezra Fellow, Hillel at Florida State University



Jake was born into an interfaith family in Sydney, Australia. As a child, he did not meet any Jewish people outside of his family, have a bar mitzvah or ever once attend synagogue. He felt 'other' before even knowing what that meant.

In college, Jake became friends with a young Jewish student leader in Australia who facilitated Jake's entrance into the Jewish community and inspired him to become a Jewish student community organizer. After visiting Hillel International in 2011 as part of a delegation of Australasian students, he realized he wanted to be a "part of this life changing machinery." Three years later, his dream came true, as he became Jewish Student Life Coordinator and Ezra Fellow at Hillel at Florida State University.

RABBI AARON LERNER

Executive Director, Hillel at UCLA



Aaron grew up in an intermarried household feeling loved but confused. As an undergrad at USC, Hillel helped him work through questions about his own identity. Hillel, he found, was an open place to think about who he was, where he wanted to go, what he wanted to do with his life, and how questions of identity fit into that puzzle.

Aaron can relate to many students with similar backgrounds and questions. After a career in investment banking, Aaron says he is inspired to work with people in the prime moment of their identity forming years. "That's an awesome opportunity, one I can't pass up."

As a child, Dana did not feel supported by or even part of the Jewish community, and she drifted into the ranks of the unaffiliated. Her attitude began to change after she started college at Michigan State University.

There, she found that Judaism was accepting of her identity; her rabbi "didn't bat an eye" when she came out. She slowly worked her way into Jewish campus life, getting involved with Hillel's social justice programming. She would go on to sporadically lead services, aided by a gift for singing. On a Birthright Israel trip, in the middle of the Negev desert, she heard a still, small voice calling her to the rabbinate. Now she's returned to her alma mater to serve as a senior Jewish educator. She hopes to help people engage with Judaism so that they may find a greater sense of meaning and purpose in their lives, just as she has.

RABBI DANA BENSON

Senior Jewish Educator, Michigan State University Hillel




56
Senior Jewish educators and rabbis serve students on our campuses
31
Rabbinical student interns work at Hillels across the country

Jewish Educational Vision and Plans



The Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Experience is working to ensure that every Jewish college student is engaged in meaningful Jewish experiences and is inspired to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life.

This year, we focused on:

- Working with Hillels to develop a clear educational vision and plan, through our **Circle of Educational Excellence**;
- Recruiting and training Jewish educational professionals. In its second year, the **Ezra Fellowship** has recruited 28 engager-educators to work on campuses across North America. Ezra Fellows are being trained to adopt a learner-centered approach to their work in which every encounter is an opportunity for students to learn about what it means to be Jewish;
- Promoting a culture of Jewish education for all Hillel professionals.

"The Ezra Fellowship doesn't just educate us about the Torah, but turns us all into better resources for our students. I am thrilled to bring authentic Torah to the students, and to help them turn college and Hillel into their home away from home."

— Hannah Rosenberg,
Ezra Fellow, Hillel at the Klehr Center for Jewish Life,
Franklin & Marshall College



Hillel convened its first ever **Hillel Educators Kallah** June 3-5 at Capital Retreat Center in Pennsylvania.

The Kallah was an opportunity for 50 current, former and future Hillel rabbis and educators to come together to be immersed in Torah learning. It provided time and space for Hillel educators to connect with one another over Jewish texts and ideas.

The Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF) is a 10-week seminar for Jewish college students of a low-to-moderate level of Jewish engagement, founded in 2007 at the Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at New York University. Hillel International's Office of Innovation partners with local Hillels to provide curriculum, marketing materials, teacher training, ongoing mentoring and student stipends.

The program has graduated 1,500 students to date. Among the last 13 cohorts, 82% of JLF graduates demonstrate regular communal presence through mentoring interactions, Shabbat and holiday attendance or participation in Hillel activities, and 19% take on formal roles of communal leadership.



Hillel International's Office of Innovation launched **Base Hillel** in New York City. With the support of UJA Federation of New York, two Base Hillels opened their doors this summer to students and their friends — Base BKLYN in Williamsburg, and Base DWTN, near Union Square. Since then, some 700 young Jews have been engaged in Shabbat and holiday celebrations, Jewish learning and community service projects.

"Through Torah classes, Shabbat and holiday meals, service projects and good old fashioned schmoozing, I've been able to explore my Jewish identity more deeply while meeting tons of new friends at Base DWTN and Base BKLYN."

— Jacob Leizman,
Hunter College, Class of '16


WHEREVER WE STAND,
WE STAND WITH
ISRAEL.
Hillel
75
Israel Fellows connected
with students at more than
120 universities.
They held 1,500+
Israel engagement
programs.

Israel Education and Engagement



Israel is an essential component of Hillel's mission to strengthen Jewish identity on campus. Hinenu, Hillel's Israel Education and Engagement Department, empowers Jewish students to strengthen their relationships with Israel through informal Israel education, engagement and experience.

The Israel Action Program (IAP) helps campus Hillel professionals meet Israel education and engagement goals by providing ongoing strategic consultation, customized resources and funding. Through the generous support of our three major funders — The Marcus Foundation, The Paul E. Singer Foundation, and the William Davidson Foundation — the IAP team visited 111 Hillels for face-to-face consultations and spent more than 4,000 hours on the phone or on web chats with Hillel professionals from 185 campuses. With support from the Gemunder Family Foundation, IAP has expanded its work to include small liberal arts schools that have typically conducted little to no Israel activity.

IAP also launched a tour of diverse speakers from across Israeli society to engage with Hillel students during more than 110 unique campus events.

"It's easy to plan an event that is strictly about Israel, but the challenge is how do we integrate Israel into our everyday events. The IAP Target Campus Grant has given our student groups and our staff an incentive to see how Israel can be a part of every program."

— Donna Schwartz,
Executive Director,
University of Delaware Hillel,
an IAP Target Campus



Internationally renowned Israeli journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author **Ari Shavit** visited 37 campus Hillels this year as part of a **speaking tour** sponsored by Shari and Jeffrey Aronson, Carol Becker, Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, Keren Keshet – The Rainbow Foundation and Marcia Riklis. His lectures sparked campus conversations about the complexities of Israel among thousands of students and academics, and he engaged hundreds of student leaders in smaller, more intimate discussions.

The Minienu Israel Engagement and Education mini-grant program funds campus initiatives with grants of up to $1,800. This year, 85 grants totaling more than $111,000 were distributed for innovative programs that showcase Israeli culture and Jewish history within an educational framework.

Hinenu's Target Campus pilot program launched at five select campuses to maximize growth in Israel engagement and education. Hinenu supported those Hillels with professional development, strategic planning and grants. This year, the Schusterman International Center trained 15 executive directors and disbursed grants for 44 programs on 17 campuses, engaging more than 1,400 students in educational programs and an additional 5,100 students through public pro-Israel initiatives on campus.



"The public campaign in support of a BDS referendum no doubt would have succeeded without the efforts of the Israel Action Program. You will never know how much I appreciate you and everything you did for my Hillel family."

— Elizabeth Lane,
Executive Director, Hillel Toledo,
on assistance from IAP during
three BDS votes on campus

When a university faces anti-Israel activity, such as Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaigns, professionals from the IAP embed themselves on that campus to support students and professionals. Afterwards, IAP staff remain in close contact and provide ongoing resources to help campus professionals support students in combating anti-Israel activities. This year, IAP professionals visited 27 campuses for crisis management.

Hillel International and the **Jewish Agency for Israel** this year welcomed a record-breaking 75 **Israel Fellows** to 120 campuses across North America. The Fellows provided many students with their first meaningful encounter with an Israeli, promoted Israel travel and learning experiences, mobilized students to combat anti-Israel campaigns and enriched the campus with Israel education.

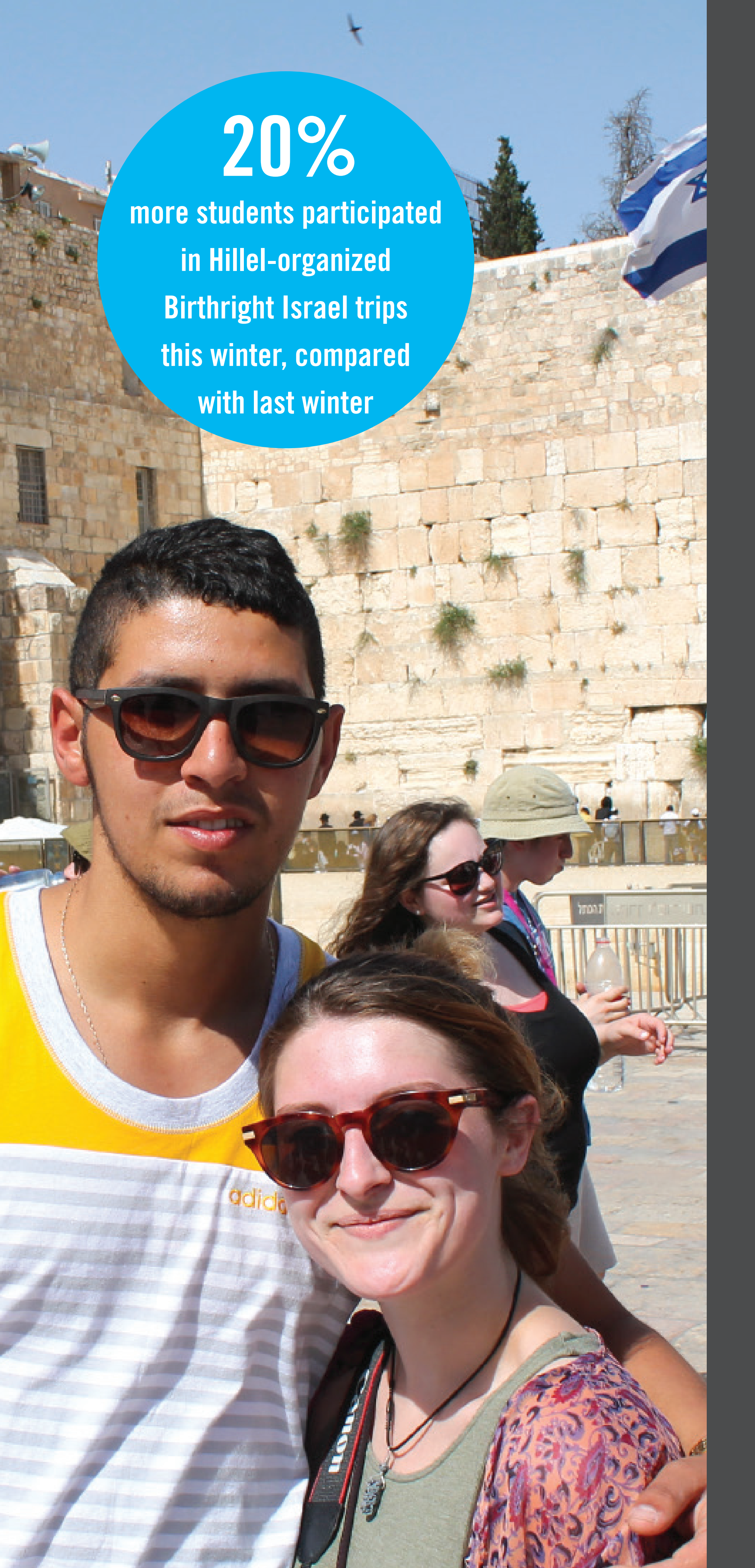
Veteran Israel Fellows returned to the United States to participate in the **Miluim Fellows program**. Now in its second year, Miluim is an intensive program that allows former Fellows to support campuses that do not currently host a full-time Fellow.

Israel Engaged Campus, a partnership between Hillel International and the Jewish Agency for Israel, completed its second successful year at five pilot campuses. The program aims to provide every Jewish college student the opportunity to develop a strong relationship with Israel and Israelis and to create a campus environment supportive of Israel.



"Participating in a Yom Ha'atzmaut party on campus with students from America, Egypt, Israel and other countries, including many Muslims and other non-Jewish students, was a unique experience for me, and I hope it will become a Towson University tradition."

— Lee Cohen,
Jewish Agency Israel Fellow,
Towson University Hillel



20%

more students participated in Hillel-organized Birthright Israel trips this winter, compared with last winter

"Going to Israel allowed me to connect more to my spiritual side and ask myself questions I would have never thought to ask before...I truly hope more people are able to go to Israel to experience this journey for themselves.

When I had to leave Israel, I looked out my window and said 'See you later!,' but not 'goodbye.' I can see Israel in my future and I am already planning my next visit."

— Elinor Taieb,
Florida State University, Class of '16,
Birthright Israel: Hillel participant

"This trip changed my life. I came back with a ton of new friends (both American and Israeli), some more Hebrew under my belt, a lot of falafel in my tummy, and a deeper appreciation and understanding for what it means for there to be a Jewish state."

— Emily Rogal,
Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts, Class of '17,
Birthright Israel: Hillel participant


In the past two years,
10,000+
North American students
have gone on Hillel-led
Birthright Israel trips
Willow Creek Dr NW
Birthright Israel
took its
500,000th
participant to Israel this
summer


Hillel Engagement
Interns reached
8,500
under-engaged
Jewish students

Student Engagement and Leadership



"As an artist, I choose to express my Jewish identity in a myriad of ways. Brown/RISD Hillel's Engagement Internship allowed me to reflect upon and strengthen the many ways I express my Jewish identity."

— Rebecca Carrol,
Brown University, Class of '15,
creator of "Jews of Brown,"
an online gallery of student photos
inspired by "Humans of New York"

The Social Entrepreneurship and Engagement Department at Hillel International works to create strategies to engage the greatest number of Jewish students in the deepest way possible.

Hillel International was the first grant recipient from actor Michael Douglas when he received the Genesis Prize this summer. With this gift, Hillel is working to foster pluralistic Jewish communities on college campuses and creating programming designed to engage students from intermarried families and diverse backgrounds.

Hillel is proud to engage with all faith groups on campus. This year, Hillel International participated in the **Fifth Annual President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge,** committed to advancing interfaith engagement on campus through joint service projects, conversations and diverse religious experiences. Hillel joined other faith groups to respond to campus and world events, including the Charleston, S.C. church shooting and the Paris terrorist attacks, by co-sponsoring vigils and rallies and building coalitions to promote compassion and understanding.



"I felt more drawn to the stories, the true human interactions, of the panelists than just the ideas in the conversation. Hearing impactful stories of social justice and civil rights, I knew it would take more than just me to do this important work."

— Evan Traylor,
University of Kansas, Class of '16,
Member, Hillel International
Board of Directors

Hillel International undertook a major initiative to mark the **50th anniversary of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965** last August and other major civil rights achievements, with special guest speakers and programming for students throughout the country.

Hillel worked with authors, artists, historians, elected leaders and organizations that helped to lead the civil rights movement to share their experiences with students. We also provided resources to campuses on how to lead conversations on racial tension through a Jewish lens.

"We were fortunate to have the opportunity to hear from people that lived this struggle, who experienced the transformation of the country first-hand," said Sheila Katz, Hillel International vice president for social entrepreneurship. "It's our hope that students will internalize the lessons learned in order to commit to furthering civil rights today."





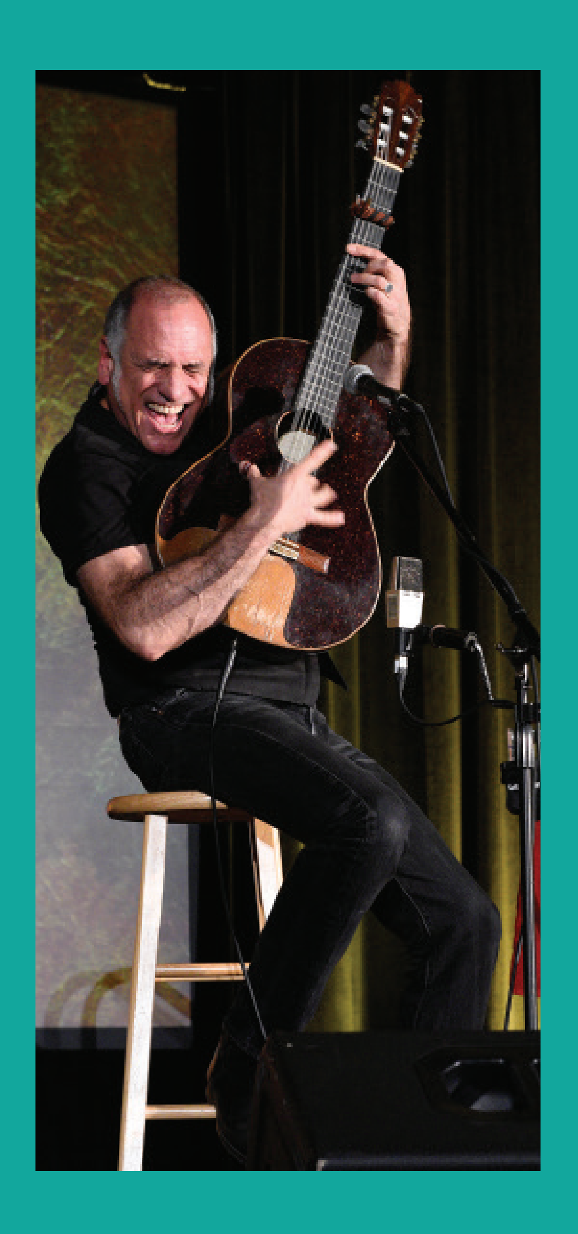
Thanks to a grant from **Repair the World**, 625 students from 48 Hillels participated in alternative breaks from Detroit to Morocco to Argentina this year. In these week-long immersion experiences, students explored social responsibility through a Jewish lens and volunteered in diverse ways — rebuilding homes after natural disasters, tutoring children and volunteering with the elderly. Said Temple University senior Emily Simons, "This trip to Atlanta provided me with my first glance at what poverty looks like in other places. I learned so much about myself in the process as well."


Our annual Engagement Institute convened
247
students and professionals at Washington University in St. Louis to train engagement interns
100
students attended the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial
250
students attended the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly in Washington
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"For a student with a disability or facing a mental heath crisis, being embraced by a community like ours can fundamentally change their college experience."

— Eric D. Fingerhut,
President & CEO, Hillel International,
addressing the Hillel International:
Global Assembly



More than 700 Hillel professionals and leaders from Jewish communities on campuses across the country came together for the second annual **Hillel International: Global Assembly (HIGA)** December 14-17 in Orlando.

Funded in part through a partnership from the Ruderman Family Foundation, this year's HIGA included innovative mental health services training for Hillel professionals and groundbreaking discussions of inclusion in campus Jewish communities.

Other highlights included:

- A multimedia concert journey through East Jerusalem/West Jerusalem by Israeli singer-songwriter David Broza and musician Ali Paris, sponsored by the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies;
- A session on building pluralistic communities on campus with Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America;
- A series of programs on recruiting and retaining excellent talent and improving workplace policies and culture;
- A conversation among Hillel professionals about successful strategies and lessons learned in combating BDS campaigns.

200+
life-saving
transplants

Local Hillels
have recruited
46,300+
bone marrow donors in the
Gift of Life registry
since 2001



"I didn't have to ask Hillel. You just stepped up — 500 campus organizations. That's who you are. It's on us to speak up, to speak out, to take responsibility."

— Vice President Joe Biden,
addressing the 2014 JFNA General Assembly

Hillel International was proud to partner with the White House in the **It's On Us** initiative. It's On Us focuses on changing attitutes about sexual assault by promoting bystander intervention before a crime occurs. As part of this initiative:

- Local Hillels have hosted more than 200 It's On Us events since the announcement of our partnership in 2014;
- All Hillel professionals were asked to sign the pledge;
- It's On Us circulated the Ask Big Questions conversation guide to all of its partner campuses, and It's On Us and Ask Big Questions hosted a joint webinar training for campuses to learn how to use the conversation guide in their programming.



"Even before I officially started at Queens College, it was clear to me that understanding and celebrating our diversity would be one of the keys to our success."

— Jenna Citron,
Director of Jewish Student Life,
Queens College Hillel

Queens College Hillel, winner of the 2015 Hillel International Philip H. and Susan Rudd Cohen Award for outstanding student engagement, employs a full-time cross-community engagement coordinator whose job is to engage, teach and mentor Bukharian, Persian, Moroccan, Georgian, Israeli, other Sephardic and Mizrahi groups and LGBTQ students. As a result of this strategy, the campus has seen a marked increase in participation among previously uninvolved students, particularly non-Ashkenazi students who once perceived Hillel was not for them. A new Bukharian Cultural Club has emerged, along with monthly Persian lunch discussions addressing challenges in Iranian-American Jewish identity and celebrating Persian-Jewish culture.

Hillels operate in 19 time zones, 12 languages and on four continents. There are now Hillel centers in four cities in three Latin American countries: Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. Together, these Hillels send more than 1,000 students and young adults to Israel every year.

This fall, Hillel International ran a **Hillel Institute in Tigre, Buenos Aires** for 80 participants and 10 professionals from across Latin America. The engagement-focused shabbaton centered on teaching students how to involve their peers in Jewish life and be leaders in their own communities.

Hillel Summer University drew 120 Hillel activists from across Russia.

Hillel opened two new buildings this year in Russia and also saw an expansion of Hillel Germany programming to nine other communities beyond Berlin.




48
Hillels are enrolled in the
Measuring Excellence
program, up from 18
Hillels in 2014

Operational Excellence

100%

All 18 Hillels that have participated in Measuring Excellence for two years have improved

Hillel International is dedicated to putting every Hillel in a position to achieve excellence in engaging Jewish students and enriching Jewish life on campus. To that end, the Schusterman International Center provides a wide range of resources and services to advance each local Hillel's pursuit of excellence, including training and professional development, fundraising, operations and recruitment.

"We are committed to modeling the operational excellence at the Schusterman International Center that we're working to enable throughout the Hillel movement," said Adam Lehman, Hillel International's new chief operating officer. "We'll be introducing innovative new approaches to fundraising, campus services and technology-based collaboration to provide all Hillels the additional financial resources, operational support, and best practices guidance they require in order to succeed."

"Measuring Excellence helps us track our success and identify needed areas of improvement. It also helps us make sure our discussions about Hillel's work are fact based and driven by reliable data."

— Jennifer Zwilling,
Vice President,
Strategy and Measurement,
Hillel International



Randall R. Kaplan, Chair, Hillel International Board of Governors (right) with 2015 Renaissance Award recipients David and Cindy Shapira

Hillel International's Renaissance Gala 2015



Outgoing University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala

Each year, Hillel presents its Renaissance Award to individuals whose bold vision and transformative initiatives enrich the college campus, the Jewish community and the world. In 2015, Hillel was proud to recognize David Shapira, executive chairman, Board of Directors of Giant Eagle, Inc. and president of the David S. and Karen A. Shapira Foundation, and Cindy Shapira, vice president of the David S. and Karen A. Shapira Foundation, members of the Hillel International Board of Governors and lead investors in Hillel's Comprehensive Excellence Initiative.

Continuing a new tradition, this was the second year that Hillel proudly presented two additional awards during the celebratory evening. The Maimonides Award, which recognizes community-changing leaders in higher education, was presented to Donna E. Shalala, outgoing president of the University of Miami; and the Edgar M. Bronfman Award, which acknowledges a Hillel professional who has served the movement with distinction and honor, was bestowed upon Michael Brooks, a former executive director of Michigan Hillel.

The gala, held at The Pierre Hotel in New York City, raised $1.5 million in support of Hillel International's mission to enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.



Michael Brooks, former Executive Director, Michigan Hillel

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Hillel International is deeply grateful to all of our supporters. We are pleased to recognize in these pages those who made significant contributions to Hillel's Charles and Lynn Schusterman International Center during the past fiscal year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015). Your generosity enables Hillel to implement its vision to inspire every Jewish student to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning and Israel.

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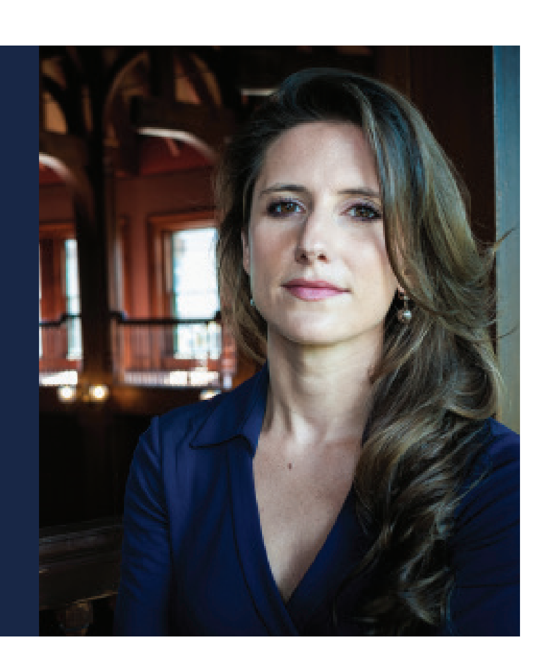
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Hillel International Board of Directors,
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"As a student at the University of Vermont, Hillel provided me with an opportunity to explore my Jewish identity on my own terms. Hillel became a space for me to find personal meaning in the collective history of our people and fostered in me a strong sense of purpose by teaching me the values of tikkun olam. Hillel encouraged my passion for social justice and invested in my leadership development, equipping me with the tools and resources to integrate service and philanthropy in my life and to make effective change in my community and beyond. Now, as a young professional, I want to make sure Hillel is able to continue inspiring other young Jews well beyond my lifetime."



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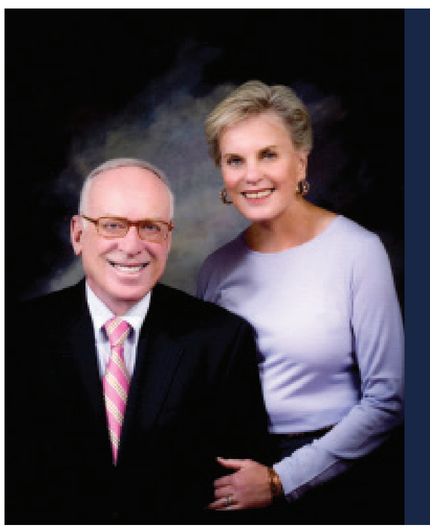
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Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
Columbus Jewish Federation
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
UJA Federation of Greenwich
Jacksonville Jewish Federation
Jewish Federation of Greater Long Beach & West Orange County
Memphis Jewish Federation
Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest New Jersey
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Milwaukee Jewish Federation
Minneapolis Jewish Federation
UJA Federation of New York
United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York
Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey
Jewish Federation of Ocean County
Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation
Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley
Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona
Springfield Jewish Federation
United Jewish Federation of Tidewater
United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula
Jewish Federation of Greater Washington

Individual Federations which support Hillel International:

Greensboro Jewish Federation
Jewish Federation of Cincinnati
Jewish Federation of Collier County
Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis
Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City
Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County
Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County
Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee
Jewish Federation of St. Louis
Jewish Federations of North America
Tampa Jewish Community Center and Federation
The Federation, Jewish Communities of Western, CT Inc
UJA Federation of New York
United Israel Appeal of Canada
United Jewish Community of Broward County
Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

CHARLES AND LYNN SCHUSTERMAN INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures 2014-15

Income	
Contributions and Grants	24,317,897
Jewish Federations	1,119,926
Program Fees	4,585,107
Investment Income	553,586
Other Income	414,082
Total Income	**$30,990,598**
Expenditures	
Operating Expenditures	24,834,962
Grants to Local Hillels	6,146,904
Total Expenditures	**$30,981,866**
Excess or (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	**$8,732**

HILLELS WORLDWIDE AND SCHUSTERMAN INTERNATIONAL CENTER COMBINED TOTAL REVENUES **$122,055,129***

** Note: The above figure is projected and unaudited.*

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